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Jon Hamm is allowed to grow a beard now that he's no longer on "Mad Men." The show's last seven episodes premiere on AMC Sunday at 10 p.m. / GETTY IMAGES

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Weather



Spring slowly creeps into the city

New York City is finally starting to feel like spring.

Temperatures will rise to the low 60s on Thursday and Friday before a cold front moves in for the weekend, said Joe Pollina, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Showers are likely on Thursday and Friday, with a chance of isolated thunderstorms on the last day of the workweek.

Saturday and Sunday will be dry, clear and sunny, with highs in the low 50s.

The spring temperatures are right on track, Pollina said. Central Park averages a high of 56 degrees and low of 40 degrees this time of year. **METRO**



New Yorkers enjoy the sun at Madison Square Park. / BESS ADLER, METRO



The ASPCA attempts to look for displaced cats following the explosion on Second Avenue. Kathleen Blomberg, right, is reunited with one of her cats. / BESS ADLER, METRO



East Village pets start to come home

Homecoming.

Three cats have been reunited with their owners after several pets were displaced due to last week's East Village explosion.

Three cats who went missing following the Second Avenue explosion have been reunited with their owners.

The cats lived at 125 Second Avenue, a building badly damaged but still standing after last week's apparent gas explosion in the East Village.

Kathleen Blomberg said she was reunited

with her two cats, Sebastian and Kitty Cordelia, by the ASPCA on Tuesday night. Blomberg said she was staying at a friend's on St. Marks Place, and ran down the block when she got the good news to see her cats in cages, being escorted out of the barricaded blocks with the flashing lights of a police escort.

"I couldn't be more overjoyed," Blomberg said. "I'm just overwhelmed, about everything."

Blomberg said her apartment, on the top floor of the seven-floor walk-up, was badly damaged by the fire. Blomberg and other residents said firefighters broke down the doors of apartments looking for people last Thursday, and

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"All they want to hear about is fire and debris falling, and people don't want to talk about that anymore. The beautiful part of this is the building up, the coming back together, the good things that have happened." Yvonne Coltery, pet owner

windows were broken as well, causing many animals to escape.

Sebastian and Kitty Cordelia were found under the bed in Blomberg's apartment, and it took the ASPCA a while to coax them out.

"I got my babies back last night," Blomberg said.

Yvonne Coltery, who also lived at 125 Second Avenue, said she was reunited with her tabby, named Laszlo, by firefighters on Monday. Her 7-pound tor-

toise shell named Lulu is still missing.

Allison Cardona, senior director of the ASPCA's Cruelty Intervention Advocacy, said her group has been working with city Animal Control, Office of Emergency Management and the NYPD to set traps for the remaining five missing cats at 121 Second Avenue.



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Charity. Church helping victims of last week's East Village blast

An East Village church just a few blocks from the site of last week's explosions wants to help displaced survivors.

The Church of the Nativity is holding a clothing drive for New Yorkers who lost their homes, or have been unable to return to their apartments since last Thursday. Neatly

sorted donations filled the church's basement social hall, flanked by Easter lilies for Sunday's service.

Donations have been pouring in at a faster pace than displaced residents can take them, and faster than volunteers can sort the items, said Adriel Gutierrez, a parishioner and volun-

teer at the church.

"The fact that it is Holy Week, it could be why so many people are donating clothes, but either way, it's a great thing," Gutierrez said.

Linda Ramirez, an assistant teacher at a nearby school, stopped by on her lunch hour to sort donations.

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Volunteer Betty Sanchez of the Church of the Nativity sorts through clothing donations for displaced victims from the East Village explosion. / BESS ADLER

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NYPD: Shootings rise, but are also on the decline

Statistics.

Gun-related crimes appear to have peaked, according to a police report.

While the number of shootings again increased in March, authorities said the overall trend is positive.

There were 69 shootings in March, NYPD reported on Wednesday, a 7 percent increase compared to this time last year.

However, while shootings are still up, the increases the city saw earlier this year appear to be shrinking.

"We're actually trending in the right direction here," NYPD Deputy Commissioner of Opera-



ShotSpotter is working.
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tions Dermot Shea told reporters. "Earlier in the year we were at plus-31 shootings. We reduced that now to plus-14."

He said the NYPD was confident it can continue to lower that rate of increase.

The latest tool to help turn those numbers around is already helping the department better track violence, Police

Commissioner Bill Bratton said.

ShotSpotter, the audio gunshot detection system the NYPD adopted as a year-long pilot program in March, picked up 59 total incidents in its first two weeks.

Fifty-five of those 59 alerts were confirmed gunshots; four were misidentified sounds from either dirt bikes or fireworks.

NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Technology Jessica Tisch said only 12 of the 55 confirmed gunshots were reported by bystanders to 911.

And of the 55 confirmed shootings, only seven had actual evidence recovered from the scene.



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Hanging gun violence out to dry

T-shirts outside of St. Mark's Church on Second Avenue fluttered in the breeze on Wednesday, each one representing the more than 700 children under the age of 12 who have been killed or injured by a person with a gun since last Easter. / BESS ADLER, METRO

NYPD

Uber tirade cop benched

New York City's top cop has put his angriest officer, Patrick Cherry, on modified duty — and taken

him off the prestigious FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Cherry is the veteran detective caught on video berating an Uber driver in a foul-mouthed, expletive-filled, xenophobic tirade.

The video was posted on YouTube by the Uber driver's passenger, Sanjay Seth, after Monday's road rage incident in the old Meatpacking District.

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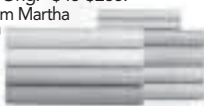
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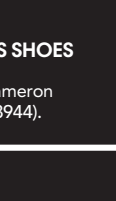
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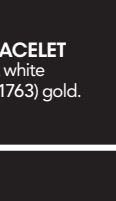
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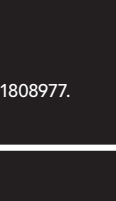
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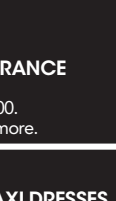
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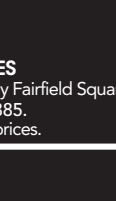
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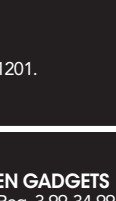
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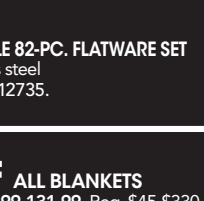
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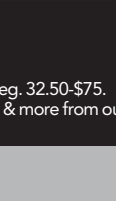
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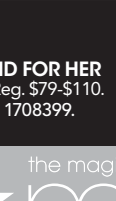
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Yoany Gutierrez / MILES DIXON

A woman who thought she lost some of her most valuable possessions, as well as thousands of dollars in cash, found a hero in a young man in a blue jumpsuit.

On March 27, Yoany Gutierrez, 34, was working a morning shift along the Hudson River Park boardwalk as part of a Doe Fund crew when he noticed a purple backpack.

The Doe Fund is a non-profit that houses and trains formerly incarcerated and homeless New Yorkers in exchange for helping keep the city clean.

"I was reluctant to go anywhere near it, so I gave it some time," Gutierrez said, worried that it might be one of those suspicious packages New Yorkers al-

ways hear about.

He eventually came back to the bag, opened it and Inside found a laptop, cell phone, identification, credit cards and \$7,500 in cash. He zipped it back up, determined to find its owner.

"About half an hour later I saw this young lady, frantic and crying," Gutierrez said. "I had seen the name on the card and I asked her if she lost something."

Once he confirmed her name, he handed the bag back to its rightful owner and was rewarded with

a hug and a kiss on the cheek.

"I was extremely joyful to know that there are still good and genuine people in this world," the woman, who wished to only be identified as Brianna, wrote in a letter to the Doe Fund. She had tracked down the Harlem home Gutierrez was living.

At the park, Brianna tried to offer Gutierrez \$2,000 in appreciation, but he declined.



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- 6** Vernon Blvd-Jackson Av bound at the Flushing-bound platform.
- 7** Goome/Har Rockaway-bound skip: 50 St, 21 St and Spring St (renovation).
- 8** Euclid Av-bound skip: 50 St, 23 St and Spring St. Frequency: every 15 minutes.
- 9** Norwood-bound: run via the from Stillwell Av to 36 St.
- 10** Jamaica Center-bound: make local stops at 36 St, Steinway St, 40 St, Northern Blvd and 65 St. World Trade Center-bound: run local from 71 Av to Queens Plaza & skip 23 St and Spring St.
- 11** Coney Island-bound: run local from 71 Av to 21 St-Queensbridge.
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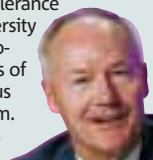
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Ark. governor rejects bill after pressure over discrimination

Republican Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Wednesday rejected a religion bill he had said he would sign into law, reversing course after a firestorm of criticism assailing such legislation as discriminating against gays and lesbians.

In a news conference in Little Rock, Hutchinson said he was sending the Religious Freedom Restoration Act back to the Republican-controlled legislature to be rewritten to better balance tolerance for diversity and protections of religious freedom.

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Report of plane passenger video

A video of the final seconds aboard the Germanwings plane that crashed in France last week has been discovered, reports said on Wednesday.

The video was found on a mobile phone belonging to one of the passengers killed on the plane which investigators say German pilot Andreas Lubitz deliberately flew into a mountain in the French Alps, Bild newspaper reported.

The scenes captured on the video were chaotic and very wobbly, said Bild, adding screams and shouts of "My God" could be heard, indicating the passengers knew what was happening.

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Calif. orders 25 percent water usage reduction

California Gov. Jerry Brown, acting in the face of a devastating, multiyear drought, ordered the first state-wide mandatory water restrictions on Wednesday, directing cities and communities to reduce usage by 25 percent. Brown, who made the announcement at a ski resort in the Sierra Nevada mountains, said the move, which comes as California reports its lowest snowpack levels on record, would save some 1.5 million acre-feet of water over the next nine months. **REUTERS**



John Lennon's first wife Cynthia dies after battle with cancer

Cynthia Lennon, first wife of late Beatle John Lennon, has died, her family said.

"Cynthia Lennon passed away at her home in Mallorca, Spain following a short but brave

battle with cancer," according to a family statement on her son Julian's website.

Cynthia Lennon, 75, married the former Beatle in 1962 and the couple divorced in 1968 when he left her for Japanese artist Yoko Ono.

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Kerry / GETTY IMAGES

Secretary of State John Kerry and his German and French counterparts extended marathon talks in Switzerland on Wednesday for a second day beyond a self-imposed deadline to reach a preliminary agreement with Iran on its nuclear program.

A diplomat close to the talks said late on Wednesday that a deal could be announced within hours but had not yet been reached, and the talks could still collapse.

Kerry and German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier announced they would stay at least until Thursday. In a potentially hopeful sign, French Foreign Secretary Laurent Fabius returned for more

talks after flying back to Paris the previous day because progress had been too slow.

The sides were meant to reach a preliminary accord in the Swiss city of Lausanne that would provide an outline for a final deal to be reached by June 30. The preliminary deal was meant to be achieved by midnight on March 31, but the sides are under pressure not to go home empty handed.

The powers and Iran said they had moved closer,

but each accused the other of refusing to offer proposals that would break the deadlock.

Washington said it was willing to walk away from the talks unless the sides could agree on a preliminary framework.

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Democratic U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez's indictment on corruption charges on Wednesday raised the possibility of Republicans gaining a 55th Senate seat to strengthen their hand in policy fights with President Barack Obama.

Federal prosecutors indicted the New Jersey senator on charges of accepting gifts from a donor and friend, Florida-based ophthalmologist Salomon Melgen, in exchange for using the power of his Senate office to benefit Melgen's personal and financial interests. Melgen was also charged.

Menendez, 61, a se-



Menendez is also a senior member of the Senate Banking Committee, which oversees Wall Street regulation, and the tax-law-writing Senate Finance Committee. / GETTY IMAGES

nior member of Senate foreign policy, banking and finance committees, had said previously he had done nothing wrong and had no plans to leave his seat. He has described his relationship with Melgen as a close friendship.

Senate leaders, including some Republicans, stood behind Menendez for two years amid previous reports he was being investigated, none of

Immigration reform

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Menendez has been a central player in the push for immigration reform, urging a pathway to citizenship for nearly 12 million undocumented residents of the United States.

which led to any actions against him.

If Menendez were to step down, New Jersey's

Republican governor, Chris Christie, would likely appoint a Republican replacement to serve until a special election. That would bring the number of Republicans in the Senate to 55, one seat closer to the 60-seat "super majority" needed to overcome Democrats' procedural roadblocks and advance legislation.

Gaining that incremental edge could mean the difference in a political fight over confirming Loretta Lynch, Obama's nominee to be the next U.S. attorney general, who is opposed by many Republicans. That vote is expected to be very close.

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Michelle Rodriguez vs. Burning Man posers

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Michelle Rodriguez is back behind the wheel of a sweet speed racer for "Furious 7," in which she reprises her role as Letty, the once-presumed dead girl of Vin Diesel's Dominic. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"Furious 7" star Michelle Rodriguez talks counter-culture, fast cars and getting back into leading roles



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I'm sitting with Michelle Rodriguez in a plush RV parked in a wide-open parking lot in East L.A., and we're supposed to

be talking about "Furious 7," her latest in the fast-driving series. But the setting keeps dragging her thoughts to a completely different over-the-top event: The uber-progressive annual desert festival Burning Man. "This reminds me of Burning Man. My trailers never look this clean," she says with a laugh. "I've been four times."

And you're going back this year?

Oh yeah. It's hard to describe. I just couldn't en-

compass it in a sentence. But be careful. It's kind of like a great song, you know? When it becomes popular, it gets watered down. You want to get it before the disrespectful people pop up who really just don't give a f— about anything but partying.

In the film you guys show up in Abu Dhabi each driving a sports car. Can't you ever carpool?

[Laughs] Hell no, man. Obviously they each need

their own ride. It's like skin, man. Everybody's got their own. I was so pissed when Ty-Boogie [Tyrese Gibson] got the Bugatti. But I guess my character's not that flashy anyway. She's practical.

You could pick whatever you wanted to drive.

I wish, dude. They always give me the whatever American muscle thing they're sponsoring at the moment. [Laughs] I get the contemporary version of the American car, and

Vin gets to play with the old school vehicles. I've got to say, as far as the car industry goes, I'm not too impressed with American cars these days. I feel like old-school cars from the 1960s, it was all about that. "Sex appeal! You want this!" The curves on those suckers! What the f— happen to the curves?

How much are you thinking about diversifying, maybe trying on some comedy?

It's so crazy! I haven't been the lead in a movie since "Girl Fight," and I'm getting older. Before I say au revoir to acting, I'd like to carry something and take the responsibility for once. I've held back on so many [offers] because I didn't like stuff or I was being too picky. I've isolated myself from the world for a very long time. I'll take a chance, you know what I mean, and try something comedic. If it sucks, it sucks. If it's great, it's great. I think it's about time to try something new.



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'Furious 7' isn't the greatest but it is sufficiently bonkers



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The threatened last ride (yeah, right) for the "Fast and/or Furious" franchise pits the remaining racing demons against Jason Statham's Deckard, the eviler brother of the bad guy from the last one. There's also something about a super-surveillance program that needs to be stopped and there's also this part where Vin Diesel and Paul Walker drive a car through three skyscrapers.

The lowdown: Maybe Diesel's onto something: Perhaps "Furious 7" does deserve a Best Picture Oscar. It certainly aims to be no less than the ultimate action movie, which, for some filmgoers, translates into the ultimate movie, period. It doesn't quite get



In "Furious 7" The Rock channels Martin Balsam in "Death Wish 3" by shooting a helicopter gun. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

there, but it is sufficiently next level ridiculous/glorious. What started out as a modest series that simply reignited the old Roger Corman speed junkie drive-in favorite has evolved into a live-action cartoon.

What's lacking is what lacks in all sensation-heavy, sense-handicapped modern blockbusters, which is story (and sense). "Furious 7" quickly tires of its revenge plot, and even Statham too, and segues into another plot entire-

'Furious 7'

Director: James Wan
Stars: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
Rating: PG-13
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ly, which at least means plenty of Kurt Russell's Belgian beer-swilling CIA dog. (Alas, it also means wasting second baddie Djimon Hounsou.) But all's good because "7" truly — and arguably even more so than the last still-ridiculous two entries — never lets up and never lets the laws of the universe dictate events. And then a film that flaunts its lack of restraint goes and gives a weirdly tasteful and elegant farewell to Walker, its fallen co-star.

'The Woman in Gold'

Director: Simon Curtis
Stars: Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds
Rating: PG-13
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Here's the true story of Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), an Austrian Holocaust survivor who, in her 80s, fought the Austrian government for the paintings — including a handful of Gustav Klimt — stolen from her family by the Nazis.

The lowdown: Great events don't necessarily make great



Helen Mirren largely jokes her way through "Woman in Gold."
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stories. Case in point: the tale of Maria Altmann — or at least the way "Woman in Gold" tells Altmann's tale. Granted, there's not a whole lot to work with. Altmann is in the right from the start, the Austrian officials are hissable baddies, and that means there's little to do,

dramatically speaking, except watch her stick to her guns amidst frustrations. Altmann has no major decision to make, and therefore there's little for the great Dame Helen to do but crack jokes, act flirtatious/regal and occasionally look ashen. She's this thin film's flashiest trinket, meant to distract viewers from the gaping hole that is the film's plot.

Still, better no character arc than the stock one given Maria's partner in crime: her inexperienced, fumbling lawyer (Ryan Reynolds), who has to overcome the odds, grow a pair and assert himself in front of scary Austrian bureaucrats.

The other way "Woman in Gold" pads out its length is more noble: Maria's story is juxtaposed with periodic flashbacks to her youth in Vienna, depicting a moneyed and cultured existence slowly laid to waste. But these scenes too are stock: pedestrian, overly tasteful views of horrors moviegoers have seen a million times before, distinguishable in the Holocaust cinema canon only because it focuses almost exclusively on wealth porn. Poor Tatiana Maslany, who plays the young Altmann, barely gets the chance to flesh out a character. Like much in the film, she's a mere pawn.

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There are only seven episodes left to enjoy John Slattery's Roger Sterling and Christina Hendricks' Joan Harris. **AMC**

John Slattery doesn't always watch 'Mad Men'



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Don't worry: John Slattery hasn't seen the new episodes of "Mad Men" either. In fact, he still hasn't caught up with the last half of the seventh and final season, which gives the actor one last go as Roger Sterling, the show's most dapper and quip-flinging ad man.

You're a bit behind on the show. Do you go out of your way to watch them?

I generally don't. I've watched most of them. The further it went the less I watched.

I think he always had revelatory moments. Even early on, in the episode where he's sitting in the train station bar near Don's house, looking at younger women, saying, "After 30, it's like a light goes out." It's not the most humanitarian moment, but it is a rueful moment that you see he has. Matt [Weiner, creator and showrunner] would let you in; it doesn't mean you necessarily have to like them.

No more "Mad Men" also, alas, means no more Weiner demanding that there be no spoilers.

His "mean speech," which we called it. I'll miss those. Just before the table-reads he'd give that speech: "Don't tell your mother, your agent, anybody. You will be flogged. And this is not a performance, but it will be judged as one." The poor people who were in those readings for the first time were probably so scared. Random moments like those I'll miss.

Why was that?

Probably vanity. The older I get the less I want to see myself. Then it would come on and I'd catch up.

Do you feel over the years Roger has warmed-up a bit, become more human?

The future

You directed a film, "God's Pocket," in between seasons. Are you hoping to do more?

I have a story idea that I think might work as, I don't know, something — as a film or TV. TV has changed already from when we started. People are doing one-off TV shows or shows like "Peaky Blinders," where they do six or eight episodes. I know that's very European. But even network shows are only doing 15. I like the idea of long-form television. I would gladly do another TV show.

Do you get a lot of offers for roles that are in the Roger Sterling vein?

That happens, sure. But it's pretty easy to stay away from them.

You just turn them down.

You just say no, yeah. My agent knows: "I know you're not going to do this, but this came through." It's not hard to avoid playing characters who smack of this one, especially because none of them are as good.



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Jon Hamm grieves for the end of 'Mad Men'



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The actor says Don Draper may turn out to be a kindly grandfather.

Jon Hamm finished playing Don Draper almost a year ago. But because the last season of "Mad Men" was split over two years, he's still talking about him — and, of course, not talking about what happens in the final seven episodes. Hamm talked about the grieving process, which scenes or episodes are his favorites (spoiler: he has no favorites) and the difficulty of change.

How he's handling post-"Mad" life

"You go through the five stages of grief. Whoever invented those was a genius. ... It was eight months ago, so there's a process of leaving, and we all kind of did our own thing. Between then and now, people have done movies and plays, moving on with their lives. ... Those are definitely little reminders that everything ends."

Don vs. change

"He struggles with a lot of things, and sometimes wants to change but doesn't want to do the work. Because the work sucks. It hurts. And it dredges up a lot of s— you don't want to deal with."

"He struggles with a lot of things, and sometimes wants to change but doesn't want to do the work. Because the work sucks. It hurts."

John Hamm

On spoilers

"I could literally write down the last scene of 'Mad Men' for you. But why would that be fun? Other than you would know something no one else knows. But then would you want to watch the episodes? Would you give a s—? Reading the last page of a novel doesn't really tell you anything, because there's no context. You know how it ends but you don't really know how it ends. You know the last thing. Matt told me how it ended four years ago. Or he told me an idea he had for the way it might progress. But that was 30 episodes ago. He didn't tell me how we're getting there."

Don the dad

Don is very aware of what he's done, is doing and will do to his kids. He saw it happen to himself. He was terribly parented and he doesn't want to be a bad parent. ... I think he sometimes has a hard time expressing it. That's one of his struggles. Maybe he's the guy who becomes a great grandpa. I had a very good relationship with my grandfather, and I would talk to my aunts and uncles about him and they were like, 'Yeah, he's great, but you didn't know him as a dad.'

What was Don's most meaningful affair?

"I think they're all meaningless."



Don Draper (Jon Hamm) returns for the second half of the final season of "Mad Men," premiering Sunday at 10 p.m. on AMC. GETTY

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The TVs are spaced about 10 feet apart behind the long bar so you won't miss a thing, while the attentive bartenders will keep you topped off between innings. This Hell's Kitchen bar is even decorated like a stadium with indoor floodlights, but you won't find a beer tower like this one at any ballpark.

Keg & Lantern
95 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn

The 32 beers on tap are all served imperial style (20 oz.) at the classic indoor sports bar and airy outdoor patio with picnic benches. The menu also shows that Greenpoint's sports crowd demands more than ambiguous fried things, with options like short rib and cheddar fries and a quinoa veggie burger in addition to the usual pub fare.

Mulholland's
312 Grand St., Brooklyn

It's got a fireplace, but that doesn't mean this Williamsburg bar thinks its crowd wants to talk philosophy over its beers. A dozen TVs, cheap drinks and the combo of buffalo wings and waffle fries will make for a well-spent afternoon.

Foley's
18 W. 33rd St.

If the game is baseball, this is the place. Stacks of jerseys, signed balls and bobble heads cover everything; the waitresses are on point and the crowd is friendly even when packed in for a game. (A credit to the Irish staff?) Their huge beer selection has lots of local and craft brews, in sizes from a half pint (10 oz.) to a "personal pitcher" (32 oz.).

Blondies
212 W. 79th St.

The two-for-one Monday-Friday drink special should come in handy, and best enjoyed washing down some of the city's best buffalo wings. Expect a full house on game day, but plenty of seating makes this Upper West Side spot a great option for not ending the night with sore feet and wasting half the game trying to catch the bartender's eye.

Take me out to the sports bar

Baseball season begins on Monday —
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Hoppin' fresh Easter

Some of the best options for Sunday's food-focused holiday.



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The only kitchens in NYC big enough to handle preparing an Easter Sunday spread are in its restaurants — so why aren't you there too? Leave the ladles and head to these spots for a great meal.

Brunch

Stanton Street Kitchen (178 Stanton St.) is serving five courses (\$65) of modern American fare. Chef Erik Blauberg is making crab cakes with citrus emulsion, hand-made pappardelle with port-glazed oxtail and a lamb mixed grill. Dessert will be a quartet of cupcakes, all garnished with jelly beans and festive toppings.

Your first cocktail is included with brunch (\$60) at **Atrio** at the Conrad New York (102 North End Ave.) The standout dish is the spring lamb hash with heirloom Brussels sprouts, poached eggs, sweet potato and merguez sausage. There's a kids version of the brunch



Bunny-shaped beef dumpling end every Easter meal at Red Stixs. PROVIDED

Red Stixs

If you're looking for something completely different, you'll be rewarded with Beijing-style dishes at luxe new Midtown spot Red Stixs (216 E. 49th St.). In honor of the holiday, each table of four or more will receive executive chef Skinny Mei's special bunny-shaped dumplings (don't worry, they're filled with beef).

prix fixe too (\$30); we might order the ricotta hotcakes with hazelnut Nutella and strawberries for ourselves.

For familiar comfort food, hit up **David Burke fabrick** (47 W. 38th St.) for its rustic American

prix fixe (\$65) brunch, including Green Eggs & Lamb with basil hollandaise, French toast with brioche and surryano ham and beef cheek tostadas.

Cozy up to your own bunny in the chic setting of **Grape & Vine** at The Jade hotel over a market-driven menu that is all about what's fresh for spring. The prix fixe (\$60) is the same for brunch and dinner, with four courses starting with blue cheese deviled eggs, a grilled leg of lamb with broccoli rabe and a fresh berry pavlova.

For a truly once-a-year treat, chef April Bloomfield is serving her hot cross buns (\$20 for a half dozen) all weekend at **The Breslin** (16 W. 29th St.). Reserve your batch by emailing hotcrossbuns@thebreslin.com.

Dinner

Ai Fiori (400 Fifth Ave.) is laying out a seafood-heavy spread (\$70) like Nova Scotia lobster in a truffle vinaigrette, the shrimp-and-grits upgrade scallops with polenta, and a rack of lamb en crepinette style with mashed potatoes.

New Upper West Side bistro **Duet Brasserie's** prix fixe (\$85) goes a different way with Easter tradition. Executive chef Dmitry Rodov has created a Faberge egg with black truffle creme brulee and black caviar; other choices include a pheasant pistachio terrine and Colorado lamb T-bone with cauliflower couscous.

Go family style (\$115 per person) at Tom Colicchio's farm-to-table restaurant **Craft** (43 E. 19th St.), with shared platters of roasted lamb, spaghetti squash and chocolate cheesecake.

Events



Full Bunny Contact MICHAEL BLASE

Full Bunny Contact

This "insane Easter carnival" is neither as raunchy nor scary as it sounds, but the main event does involve being locked in a cage trying to collect as many eggs as possible while three Easter Bunnies do their best to reclaim them. There are also midway games like Shoot the Peep (with a paintball gun!), Egg Putt and a questionably appropriate dunk tank.

\$10-\$60, Through Sunday, 107 Suffolk St.

Pet a kangaroo

The egg hunt at The Standard, High Line's Biergarten is strictly for kids, but there's no age limit

for the petting zoo, which will include your usual bunnies, lambs and goats, joined by a kangaroo(!). Head over after a classic brunch at the Standard Grill or the grown-up version (aka no kids allowed) at The Top of the Standard cocktail lounge. **Free, Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 848 Washington St.**

Irish music

You're already wearing your Sunday best, right? Come to the Dead Rabbit for an old-fashioned Easter Bonnet Contest beginning at 5 p.m. Traditional fare and eggnog cocktails will be served all day, and there will be live Irish music from 6-10 p.m. **30 Water St. EK**

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF QUEENS - Docket No. MN-17247-14

In the Matter of a Proceeding under NYAMN WARE

Article 10 of the Family Court Act

QUEENASIA WARE

Respondent

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TO: QUEENASIA WARE

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A petition under ARTICLE 10 of the FAMILY COURT ACT having been filed with this Court, and annexed hereto: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this court at 151-20 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432, Part 1, on MAY 5th, 2015 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning of that day to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act.

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BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT

HON. MARYBETH FICHRATH

Dated: February 26, 2015

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Event

5 new Smorgasburg food stops

Spring is being a little slow to arrive, so give it a nudge this weekend by visiting Smorgasburg, returning for its eighth year. Wear a scarf that can double as a napkin and don't miss these five new vendors we can't wait to try.

The Imperial Egg

Scotch eggs are the closest that pub grub gets to a delicacy. These breaded and fried U.K. staples come stuffed with international delights like Moroccan spiced lamb with tangy yogurt sauce, a Japanese chicken sausage with soy aioli and more.



Curd's the Word FACEBOOK

Smorgasburg

11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday: 90 Kent Ave.
Sunday: Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 5
www.smorgasburg.com

Curd's the Word

Here are the keywords you need to know for this snack spot: cheese curds, beer batter, fried. It's a Midwest treat, and comes in flavors including Buffalo, and an option called Cheese on Cheese on Cheese.

Big Mozz Atlantic Ave Co.

These guys will be making mozzarella "bombs" on site, injecting them with fillings like pesto and other sauces that will change with the season.

Goa Taco

The buttery-flaky paratha tacos

that were born last summer at Park Slope Flea will come "filled with all the delicious things from everywhere."

Antica Pesa

The celebrity magnet restaurant will serve up Italian street food and what could be the new Ramen Burger (which, btw made its debut at Smorgasburg 2013). The new frittata di pasta, made with spaghetti and lamb ragu, is shaped and fried into burger form. Eva Kis

Listings

BOOKS

Set in the City

April 2, 7 p.m.
Housing Works Bookstore Café
126 Crosby St.
Free, www.housingworks.org
Our mundane urban adventures of dodging FastTrack projects, stopping at three grocery stores to get everything and waiting two hours just to get into a hot restaurants don't make for particularly compelling drama. Yet there's something that transcends daily life to make NYC an appealing setting for so many books, and authors Lindsey Palmer, Amy Sohn, Dylan Landis and Amanda Filipacchi will discuss why.

FOOD

Chocolate tastings

April 3, noon-1 p.m., 4-5 p.m.
All Barnes & Noble locations, www.prestat.com
We may still be rebellious colonists as far as some in Britain are concerned, but that's not keeping the Queen's chocolatier from crossing the pond for Easter and offering its treats for the enjoyment of our common tongues. Prestat will hold free tastings of their truffles and wafer thins at all Barnes & Noble bookstores around the city on Sunday, but even if you can't make the tastings, the stores are offering 20 percent off all Prestat products from Friday through the weekend.

ARTS

'Being' by

Wines of Corsica

April 8-11
Openhouse Mulberry Gallery
201 Mulberry St.
\$30, www.being.eventbrite.com
The enviable beauty of the landscape and lifestyle in Corsica, an island in the Mediterranean, can't be experienced anywhere else. But a new exhibit, "Being," attempts to create an immersive replica that showcases a world of rich wines and the culture behind them. See portraits of the vineyards while mingling with regional winemakers and sipping the fruits of their labors. Photographer Aaron Zebrook and painter Gabrielle Bravo Clavello will be on hand to discuss their works.

BASEBALL

Opening Day

April 6
Yankees: 1:05 p.m.
Yankee Stadium, 1 E. 161st St., Bronx, www.ticketmaster.com
Mets: 4:05 p.m.

EXHIBIT

Life at the Limits



Opens April 4
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 79th St.
\$27 adults, \$22 seniors and students, \$16 kids
www.amnh.org

Survival instinct unites every living thing on the planet, and this new exhibit explores the extreme lengths some species go to keep kicking. Creep yourself out (or astonish yourself, if you like superbugs) with living animals, demonstrations and interactive displays, and learn about fascinating real-world "superpowers" like a seal that can hold its breath for two hours, leeches that grow legs and beetles that shoot explosive chemicals in self-defense.

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Speakeasy Moderne

April 3, 7 p.m.
The Cutting Room, 44 E. 32nd St.; \$15 advance, \$20 door
www.thecuttingroomnyc.com
A bit of singing, dancing, jazz, vaudeville and even burlesque come together in a cabaret celebrating the best of flapper-era Americana. Feel free to dress the part in 1920s garb when you show up for Speakeasy Moderne, where the talent comes straight from Tin Pan Alley and the booze flows freely (just don't tell the feds). Chloe Lowery leads the show, backed up by professional Broadway dancers and the Matt Baker Trio. No password required.

Citi Field, 123-01 Roosevelt Ave., Queens
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Be in the stands on Monday for the beginning of the Yankees' post-Derek Jeter era. And while the Mets may be away — they are playing the Washington

Nationals in D.C. — fans can still cheer from their home turf. The game will be broadcast on the new Citi Vision Board, and the field will be open for families. Between innings there will be entertainment and giveaways, as well as food and drinks for sale. Gates will open at 3p.m.

BOOKS

'Rich Bitch'

April 2, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Rebecca Taylor
34 Gansevoort St.
Free
Sip Champagne and nosh on light bites during the book release party and Q&A with best-selling author and financial reporter Nicole Lapin. Her latest book, "Rich Bitch," is aimed at getting millennial budgets in order — to that end, purchases over \$350 made during the event are 20 percent off.

SPRING

Hanami

April 1-26
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
1000 Washington Ave., Prospect Heights
\$12, www.bbg.org
You don't need to go all the way to Japan to find the lustrous pink blooms of cherry blossom trees. Head to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden as the trees put on a spectacular show this month, with guided tours on Wednesdays, and don't miss the Sakura Matsuri festival of Japanese culture at the end of the month.

Macy's Flower Show

Through April 4
Macy's Herald Square
151 W. 34th St.
Free, www.macys.com
This is the last weekend to see the works of nature among the clothes and hats that emulate them at Macy's flagship location. Browse the store-turned garden among blooms arranged as dresses and living plant displays.

COMEDY

Comedy Week

April 6-19
Various venues
Two-for-one tickets, www.nycgo.com
Laughter can be hard to come by in this city, so find a new place to mock the crazy things we do to keep living in it anyway at one (or more!) comedy shows. Tickets are two-for-one during Comedy Week and include stand-up shows, the interactive Japanese game show "Batsul!" and "Dorothy Goes to Hollywood," in which the "Wizard of Oz" heroine sets out to find the screenwriter to have a word about being the lead in her own story.

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Havana highlights



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Old Havana

As the diplomatic ice melts between the U.S. and Cuba, Havana is set to be a hot destination for American travelers. From its colonial palaces to its sultry music, Cuba's capital is all the more appealing for having been off limits all these years.

La Habana Vieja (Old Havana) is at the heart of this vibrant city. Its cobbled streets wind past dilapidated mansions, Baroque churches and restored colonial

squares such as Plaza Vieja with its ornate pastel facades. The elaborate neoclassical buildings, with their decorative iron balconies and dappled courtyards, have earned it a Unesco World Heritage designation.

The sounds of salsa and son (traditional Cuban music) are everywhere, drifting from open windows

and strolling musicians. Landmarks range from Plaza de Armas, Havana's oldest square with a 16th-century fortress and second-hand book market, to the striking Baroque cathedral with its two bell towers, to La Bodeguita del Medio, the tiny bar where Ernest Hemingway drank his mojitos.

Musicians at the Malecon Barrier



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Take a bright yellow Cocotaxi, a two-seater buggy powered by a motorcycle engine, for a fun ride along the Prado, past

and modern hotels. Stop for a drink at the landmark Hotel Nacional, a legendary Mafia haunt before the revolution; there are wonderful sea views from the terrace. Nearby is Plaza de la Revolucion, site of the Jose Marti Memorial, the tallest structure in the city, which affords sweeping views.

Other sights of interest include Havana's impressive harbor forts, El Morro and La Cabana, and several art and history museums. The Ernest Hemingway Museum, set in the writer's former home, is just outside the city. A visit to the La Corona or Partagas cigar

factories offers a fascinating look at one of Cuba's main industries.

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Stop into La Bodeguita del Medio, where writer Ernest Hemingway drank mojitos.

Motor along the Malecon — the glorious 5-mile esplanade and sea wall bordering the harbor — with the sea breeze in your hair, past weathered buildings

More Cuban cities to see



Camaguey

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Trinidad

This is Cuba's prettiest town. Its lovely colonial buildings are among the best-preserved in the Americas.

Camaguey

Another colonial gem, Camaguey's beautiful squares include Plaza San Juan de Dios, ringed by small, brightly colored houses, and Plaza del Carmen, with its life-like sculptures of local people at work and rest.

Santiago de Cuba

Cuba's second city is a melting pot of Afro-Cuban traditions, with a famous Casa de la Trova, or music hall.

Santa Clara

The Battle of Santa Clara was a decisive victory in the Cuban Revolution. On the outskirts of town, the Che Guevara Monument and Mausoleum pays tribute to this much-loved national hero.



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Cocktails at Desaki



The scenery is beautiful, the accommodations luxurious, the welcome warm and friendly. Browse, gossip, be pampered, and enjoy the great outdoors on a woodland trail. Rather than one large city, the Pocono Mountains in northeastern Pennsylvania have a cluster of small towns worth visiting.

Milford, Jim Thorpe and Honesdale each have a lot of charm.

Dating back over 200 years, they're filled with Victorian and colonial-era buildings. Many of the houses are inns and B&Bs. Hawley, in particular,



Spa Shawnee

has a two-mile stroll along a river and through the downtown area — particularly nice on a spring day.

Pennsylvania has no sales tax on clothing. That's an excuse (if you need one) to browse through the boutiques, but don't miss the galleries and specialty stores in the towns. If name brands are your passion, head for The Crossings Premium Outlets in Tannersville (www.premiumoutlets.com). Over 100 major clothing and accessory outlets stores are there. Check the website for monthly in-store promotions. Antique lovers can explore treasure troves of collectibles and rarities at antique barns and malls.

Spend a day browsing through the boutiques and galleries.

Pampering is high on any "to do" list of girlfriend getaways. Local spas offer every possible treatment — from exotic wraps and scrubs to all-natural body conditioning. You can choose from day spas and destination spas/resorts.

For dining, there are options for whatever you're in the

mood for. The area is remarkably diverse, with Thai and Japanese restaurants, Irish pubs and French bistros, along with farm-to-table and casual American menus.

If you are too frazzled to deal with planning, many resorts and inns offer packages that include accommodations, discounts for dining and shopping, spa treatments, and welcome gifts.

The Poconos website (www.800poconos.com) is very comprehensive and easy to navigate and has information on spas, accommodations and more.

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Hoop-la at the Basketball Hall of Fame

Haven't had enough of basketball with March Madness? Visit this museum in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Named after James Naismith, who is credited with creating the game in 1891, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (www.hoophall.com) is a devotee's dream. The building itself is a tribute to the sport: It's a giant silver basketball.

Inside, you'll see uniforms, balls used in famous games and trophies. Interactive areas explain the history of the game and development of rules (like the 24-second shot clock). Walk along the upper balcony to view the photos and learn the histories of more than 300 inductees: famous and obscure players, coaches, referees, teams and colleges. You can start speculating about which players from this year's Final Four will someday be on the walls. And there are plenty of hoops hanging throughout the building with visitors invited to take a shot or two.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
It's time to finalize the deal that will bring the highest reward. Otherwise, a great opportunity will be missed.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Financial gains are looking good. You should put any emotional issues on the back burner while you focus on getting ahead.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Things may appear to be running smoothly, but you should take a closer look. Personal matters are heading in a negative direction due to a lack of nurturing on your part.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Confrontations are best avoided. Work on a creative pastime that will keep you away from disgruntled colleagues.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
If you put your best foot forward, you will reach your highest potential. You are no stranger to hard work, so keep the momentum going.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Don't allow disagreements to fester. You are best off letting your true feelings be known when settling troublesome matters.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
A pleasant surprise lies ahead. Take a few hours to enjoy good times with friends or loved ones. All work and no play leads to stress and unhappiness.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Things are looking up. Now is the time to try something that you have always wanted to do. Take a trip.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Stop dwelling on things you cannot change. If you put personal and emotional issues aside, you will have the energy to get a lot done. Keep busy.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
A hasty decision could have negative repercussions. This is not a day for wheeling and dealing.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
With patience and determination, you will be able to make things go your way. Don't be deterred by someone who doesn't know you well.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
You will need to think on your feet. Your day isn't likely to go according to plan. Use your wit and gumption to overcome any obstacle. **EUGENIA LAST**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

	5				2			9
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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Not real
- 6 Carbon deposit
- 10 Oktober ending
- 14 Get accustomed
- 15 El —, Texas
- 16 Cuba, to Castro
- 17 Grid coach Don —
- 18 "Tickle Me" puppet
- 19 Curb
- 20 Split
- 21 Remittance man (2 wds.)
- 23 Tabloid seller
- 25 Armadas
- 26 Loud noise
- 27 Amigo's farewell
- 29 35mm setting (hyph.)
- 32 Mitt
- 33 Software problem
- 36 Livy's route
- 37 Make glad
- 38 Ms. Sedgwick
- 39 Look closely
- 40 Famous last words
- 41 River rapids
- 42 Garage jobs
- 43 Oxygen source
- 44 Globe
- 47 Deer's rack
- 51 Tortilla melt
- 54 Sledgehammer
- 55 Coffee dispensers
- 56 Flutie or Williams

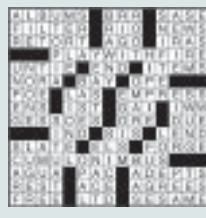
- 57 Obsidian, once
- 58 British composer
- 59 Vulcan's forge
- 60 Synthetic fabric
- 61 Industrial giant
- 62 An evening out
- 63 Try extra hard

Down

- 1 Doesn't eat
- 2 Committee type (2 wds.)
- 3 Dern of films
- 4 Grandeur
- 5 Flight board info
- 6 Relieve
- 7 Powers of old movies
- 8 "Semper fi" grp.
- 9 Had a break (2 wds.)
- 10 Casts a fly
- 11 Ms. Lauder
- 12 Driving hazard
- 13 Fills a pipe
- 21 Make illegal
- 22 Gin-fizz flavor
- 24 Ice-cream serving
- 27 Cumming and Thicke
- 28 Specks
- 29 "A pox upon thee!"
- 30 Dirty place
- 31 Tiger's peg
- 32 High spirits
- 33 Provo inst.

- 34 Website
- 35 Mobster's piece
- 37 Fixed firmly
- 38 Lenin's inspiration (2 wds.)
- 40 A psychic may see one
- 41 Perch
- 42 The preferred evil
- 43 Santa — winds
- 44 Hunker down
- 45 Cat's murmurs
- 46 Reddish dye
- 47 Birdbath slime
- 48 Ancient Rome's emblem
- 49 Gossip's delight
- 50 Bias
- 52 Scintilla
- 53 Fontanne's husband
- 57 Stogie with bangs

Wednesday's answer



Letters to the editor

New energy saver will be expensive nightmare

Smart meters are being forced on unaware and uninformed captive ratepayers in order for the government to ration everyone's electricity. (Of course, the elites will have as much electricity as they want.) Because the EPA has decommissioned hundreds of electric generating plants, and will not issue permits to build new electric generating plants, the amount of available electricity is decreasing.

The Smart Meters will monitor your every move, 24/7/365, in order to produce an "energy profile" on you. Then, faceless bureaucrats will decide if you are using too much

and involuntarily cut your flow of electricity back to a level they deem "fair."

Every ratepayer will pay \$300+ for their Smart Meter, an unprecedented tax on every household for utility company equipment. Smart Meters emit and receive military-weapons-grade microwaves all the time, impacting the health of a significant number of people, especially children and pregnant women.

Smart Meters are touted as a tool to save consumers money, for instance, by using time-of-day pricing. Fine, if you want to do your laundry at 3 a.m. Smart Meters are sold as being "green."

TOM MCCAREY, VIA EMAIL

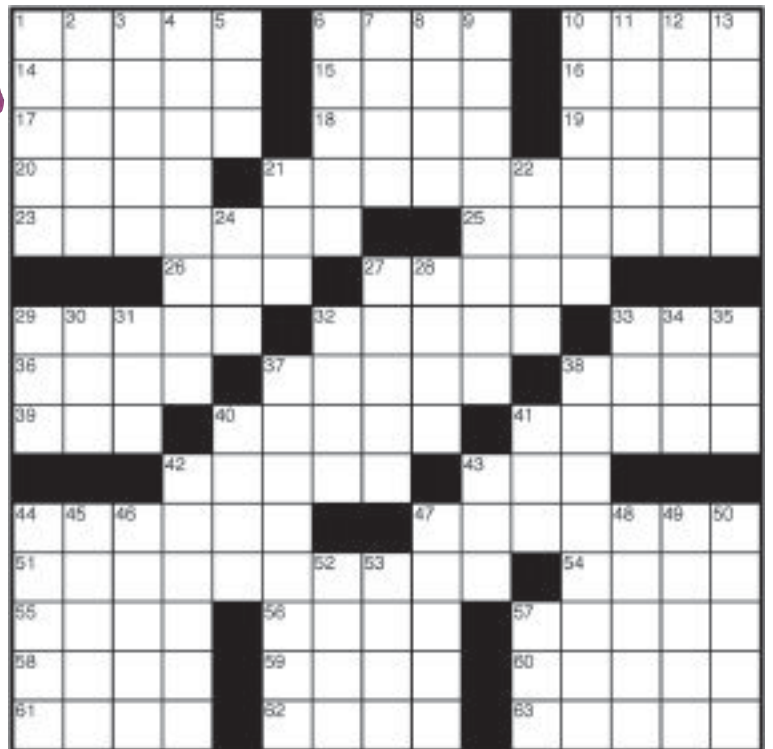
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DON'T CARE ABOUT 'ART OF THE CLOSE'

The baseball equivalent of late-round quarterback is "don't pay for saves."

It's an effective strategy because of how volatile the position is. Last year, 49 different pitchers recorded at least five saves and 39 shut the door 10 times. The league leader in saves, Fernando Rodney, was one of the last relievers selected on fantasy draft day. Francisco Rodriguez went from a setup role in April to finish with 44 saves, and Zach Britton went from trading block to middle relief to eighth inning to 37 saves very quickly. The list goes on and on. So we know we're not going to spend a high pick on a closer. But who should we be looking at in the later rounds?

The Oakland Clipper

Injuries are the first place we can find value. Athletics closer Sean Doolittle is rehabbing a torn rotator cuff in his pitching shoulder, a potentially disastrous injury. The team believes he can

NBA pickups

Players to add this week:

- **Justin Hamilton, C, Wolves** — Hamilton is getting 25-plus minutes per game.
- **Dennis Schroder, PG, Hawks** — When/if this German import gets his nicked toe right, he'll be a top-40 player for the final few games.



DENNIS SCHRODER
GETTY IMAGES

come back sometime in May, but that's far from a certainty. What we do know is Tyler Clippard is a flyball pitcher playing in Oakland's cavernous park, holds a career 2.88 ERA, will hold down the closer's job until Doolittle returns and can be had in

the 16th round or so.

Breeding competition

Muddled bullpens sink relievers' average draft positions (ADP). That's the case in Houston, where Luke Gregerson has predictably emerged from Chad Qualls/Pat Neshek and won the closer role.

Trade winds blowing

The Phillies finally appear committed to a desperately-needed rebuild and Jonathan Papelbon is likely on the way out of town. Enter Ken Giles, who has some of the nastiest stuff in the league and is the heir apparent. Giles can still help deep leaguers, even before Papelbon is dealt, via the strikeout category.



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Tyler Clippard was with the Nationals from 2008-14 but is now in Oakland. / GETTY IMAGES

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SPORTS

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Sports news you need to know

Geno rips men's game

UConn women's head coach Geno Auriemma says men's basketball has never been in worse shape and that the current product is "a joke."

"As a spectator watching it, it's a joke," Auriemma said. "The bottom line is, nobody can score. And they'll tell you that it's because of great defense, great scouting, teamwork. Nonsense, nonsense. College men's basketball is so far behind the times it's unbelievable."

MATT BURKE

Rodgers to take on Jeopardy!

Packers QB Aaron Rodgers will be a contestant on "Celebrity Jeopardy!" that will air on May 12. He will go up against TV personality Kevin O'Leary and retired astronaut Mark Kelly. Rodgers reportedly had a 3.6 GPA in high school.

MATT BURKE



AARON RODGERS
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Rangers, Isles looking to finish strong

The Rangers will be at Minnesota to face the Wild Thursday (8 p.m., MSG) and will be back home at the Garden Saturday to host the Devils. The Islanders also have a Thursday-Saturday schedule, as New York will play at Columbus on Thursday (7 p.m., MSG-plus) and will be back on the Island on Saturday night to face the Sabres. The NHL regular season wraps up next weekend. MATT BURKE

STRAIGHT Talk



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